

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition consisting of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, ~~inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives, antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs, colorants, keratolytic agents, alverine, alverine salts, chlorine-channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition consisting of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, ~~inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, keratolytic agents, chlorine-channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents,~~

preservatives, antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs and colorants.

3.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A topically applicable cosmetic/dermatological composition suitable for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, said composition consisting of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, ~~inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, and chlorine-channel openers; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives, antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs and colorants.~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as defined by Claim 1 A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition consisting of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives, antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs, colorants, keratolytic agents, alverine, alverine salts, chlorine-channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids, wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.~~

7. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 6, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 1, wherein manganese is administered as ~~at least one inorganic or an~~ organic manganese salt.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 9, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

11.-12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The method as defined by Claim 1, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 2, A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition consisting of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, keratolytic agents, chlorine-channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives,

antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs and colorants,  
wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 14, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 2, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic or an organic manganese salt.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 17, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

19.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method as defined by Claim 2, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

22.-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 5, A topically applicable cosmetic/dermatological composition suitable for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, said composition consisting of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected

from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, and chlorine-channel openers;  
water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically  
applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers,  
hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives, antioxidants,  
fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs and colorants, wherein from  
0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is present.

39. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 38, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is present.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 5, wherein the manganese is present as at least one inorganic or an organic manganese salt.

42. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 41, wherein the manganese is present as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Original) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 5, said composition being in the form of a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

45. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 1, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.

46. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 2, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.

47. (Currently Amended) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition comprising: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, ~~inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts~~, said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor resulting from stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

48. (Currently Amended) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition comprising: (i) an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, ~~inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts~~; (ii) a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~alverine, alverine salts, keratolytic agents, chlorine channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids~~, said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor resulting from stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

49. (Currently Amended) A topically applicable cosmetic/dermatological composition suitable for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, said composition comprising: (i) an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, ~~inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts~~; (ii) at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~alverine, alverine salts, and chlorine channel openers, keratolytic agents, hydroxy acids and retinoids~~ said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor due to stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

50. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as defined by Claim 47, A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition comprising: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, and manganese-rich microorganism extracts, said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor resulting from stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor,~~ wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

51. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 50, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

52. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 47, wherein manganese is administered as ~~at least one inorganic or an~~ organic manganese salt.

53. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 52, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group

consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

54. (Cancelled)

55. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 47, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

56. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 48, A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition comprising: (i) an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; (ii) a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of keratolytic agents, hydroxy acids and retinoids, said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor resulting from stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor, wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

57. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 56, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

58. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 48, wherein manganese is administered as ~~at least one inorganic or an~~ organic manganese salt.

59. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 58, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group

consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 48, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

62. (Currently Amended) ~~The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 49, A topically applicable cosmetic/dermatological composition suitable for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, said composition comprising:~~  
~~(i) an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; (ii) at least one member selected from the group consisting of keratolytic agents, hydroxy acids and retinoids, said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor due to stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor, wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is present.~~

63. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 62, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is present.

64. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 49, wherein the manganese is present as ~~at least one inorganic or an organic manganese salt.~~

65. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 64, wherein the manganese is present as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

66. (Canceled)

67. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 49, said composition being in the form of a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

68. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 47, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.

69. (Previously Presented) The method as defined by Claim 48, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.